17. Introduction of Intercity Express train between Behrampur and Bhubaneswar.

Bogibil road and railway bridge over Brahmaputra river

1718. SHRISILVIOUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of years that would be required to complete the con struction of Bogibil road cum Railway bridge over Brahmaputra river in Assam;

(b) whether steps have been taken to strengthen the road from Jonai to Lakhimpur (Part of NH-52) in anticipation to the increase of traffic intensity on this road and completion of the construction of bridge mentioned above; and

(c) why the four lane corridor road construction is not making any progress in Assam area in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The construction of Bogibil Road cum Railway bridge over Brahmaputra river in Assam is likely to be completed in the year 2008-09 subject to availability of resources.

(b) Widening and strengthening of National Highway-52 from Lakhimpur to Jonai is planned to commence from the current financial year itself.

(c) The works of four laning under East-West Corridor of National Highway Development Programme in Assam are expected to be awarded by March, 2005. These works are scheduled for completion by 2007, the overall target date of completion of National Highway Development Programme.

Provision of 20,000 jobs

1719. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways propose to provide approximately 20,000 jobs in various categories; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider to provide a sizeable proportion of such jobs, say 5000, to Jammu and Kashmir State towards resolution of unemployment problem there?